

Commision Members:

I am writing to comment regarding the NAB petition (04-160) and their position against XM's ability to broadcast local traffic and weather information for several U.S. metropolitan areas.

I'll be the first to admit that since installing XM a year ago, the only reason I would switch back to regular radio was to get an update on my local traffic and weather. Since the launch of XM instant traffic and weather, I have no real reason to use my "regular" radio anymore!

XM presents traffic and weather in a way that works for me. I drive on congested freeways daily, to the tune of over 25,000 miles per year. When I'm stuck in traffic, I want information right then, right now. XM provides timely information with alacrity, saving me precious time and fuel expenses.

I sincerely hope the members of the NAB are willing to create the experience that XM provides for me on a daily basis. (I would prefer to receive this content free of charge, after all!) It will take competition to make that happen. Restricting XM to strictly "national" programming will do nothing to convince NAB stations to improve their content - as is the case presently. Please reject petition 04-160.